

Operation Iraq Freedom, was well known and well liked in his home village of Agana Heights for his friendly but quiet, and humble nature.

Fondly known to family and friends as "Siwo," Sergeant Uruo was born in Chuuk on November 29, 1979. His family moved to Guam in 1987 and they were befriended by Agana Heights Mayor Paul McDonald and his family, and the two families became close friends. Siwo's passing deeply grieves both families.

Sergeant Uruo attended Agana Heights Elementary School and Agueda Johnston Middle School. He graduated from George Washington High School in 2000, the first in his family to earn a diploma. Siwo was involved in the high school's ROTC Program and played football for GWHS for several years. In Agana Heights, Iosiwo participated in sporting events such as baseball and softball; he was part of the Mayor's Youth for Hire Program, to help village youths earn money by doing yard work or general cleaning, and the Agana Heights "Fun In The Sun" Summer Program, as youth worker. He also was a member of Troop 22 of the Boy Scouts of America, Agana Heights.

Sergeant Uruo was the proverbial 'good son,' hardworking, respectful, and obedient. He enlisted in the Army after graduating from high school because he wanted to serve his country.

On behalf of the People of Guam and a grateful nation, I extend heartfelt condolences and profound sympathy to Sergeant Uruo's parents, Isaoshy and Iosita; his sisters, Isabel and Josephine; his brothers, Iosiwo, Joshua, Alanser, and Ivan; his sisters-in-law, Fatima and Jonea; and nephew Iverson; as well as to his all of his extended family and friends, especially Mayor Paul and Elaine McDonald and their family. Siwo was a caring son, a loving brother, and a proud American patriot.

#### RECOGNIZING HEATHER KNUDSON

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the outstanding achievement of Heather Knudson on winning the National Associated Christian Schools International (ACSI) Spelling Bee.

Heather placed second in the regional ACSI Spelling Bee, which took place February 24, in Dallas Texas. Heather then went on to win first place in the National Spelling Bee on May 12, 2007 in Washington, D.C. The contest brought in 46 of the top spellers from around the country, which was narrowed down from 15,000 participants.

By correctly spelling the word, "syzygy" which means, an alignment of three celestial objects, as the sun, the earth, and either the moon or a planet, Heather won a laptop computer, a \$200 saving bond and the distinct honor of placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Heather is an outstanding and bright young woman. She has recently completed the eighth grade at Life Christian Academy in Kansas City. Extremely dedicated, she studied approximately 2,500 words in preparation for the contest. She was able to remember her winning word, which she studied years ago, because it is such an unusual word.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating the achievement of Heather Knudson on winning first place in the National Associated Christian Schools International Spelling Bee. It is an honor to represent her in the United States Congress.

#### TRIBUTE TO PHILIP M. KAISER

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Philip M. Kaiser, an extraordinary public servant, diplomat, husband, father, grandfather, and a friend of mine.

Mr. Kaiser was born in Brooklyn on July 12th, 1913. He attended the University of Wisconsin and was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University upon graduation.

Mr. Kaiser first served his country under President Truman as Assistant Secretary of Labor. He went on to represent the United States as Ambassador to Senegal, Austria, and Hungary under Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Carter. During this period, Mr. Kaiser became well-known for his diplomatic abilities, successfully fostering U.S. relations with Hungary and Senegal at a time when communism was on the rise across the globe.

More recently, Mr. Kaiser contributed to the new Democratic majority through his support of 4 successful Democratic congressional candidates, including myself, in 2006.

Phil Kaiser was the type of man who held strong convictions and followed through on his beliefs. He made the most of any position he accepted, and always stayed true to himself and his values. Mr. Kaiser's life is a model of patriotism and dedication.

Phil Kaiser was the patriarch of a beautiful family. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Hannah, his sons Charles, Robert, and David, and his 4 grandchildren.

I am honored to have known such an incredible, dedicated, passionate, and patriotic man. His contributions to his country, his love for his family, and his spirit will remain an inspiration.

#### NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY

##### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Hunger Awareness Day and to honor the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), which is located in my congressional district.

National Hunger Awareness Day was established to help inform individuals, communities, corporations and policy makers that hunger is a severe domestic issue and deserves our critical attention. It is part of a grassroots effort to raise awareness about the solvable problem of hunger in America.

AFAC's sole mission is to feed the hungry. AFAC obtains food at no cost from local bak-

eries, supermarkets, food drives and private donors. This important work allows their clients to make other necessary purchases, such as paying for rent and utilities, without having to sacrifice their health and nutritional needs.

Despite the fact that Arlington County is one of the wealthiest areas in the country, too many local residents do not have enough to eat. AFAC seeks to remedy this problem by distributing bread, vegetables, meat, milk, eggs and other food items to those families in Arlington who cannot afford these dietary. Volunteers at AFAC currently distribute groceries to nearly 700 families each week. Nearly half of the people getting food from AFAC are children.

I would like to commend the staff and volunteers of the Arlington Food Assistance Center who work hard to provide needy families in Arlington with groceries each week. I urge my constituents to donate food to AFAC through a food drive on June 5th.

#### TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY WALSH

##### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, Dorothy Walsh. Dorothy is the owner of Dorothy Walsh Fine Clothes, in Northport New York. Dorothy Walsh Fine Clothes is a women's boutique known for an exclusive inventory that runs the gamut, from bridal gowns and dresses for special occasions to trendy sportswear.

The very special shop has the distinction of being one of Main Street's oldest businesses, opened in 1950 under the name of Esther Stevens Fine Clothes. Dorothy said she responded to an ad in the newspaper and her first responsibilities as an employee there included bookkeeping and checking in merchandise. Dorothy took over this business in 1994. She will be retiring from this business in August of this year.

We, as clientele, have reaped the benefit of her flair for fashion and meticulous attention to detail, captured in the eye-catching store displays juxtaposing the right colors and accessories. The store became the place to go, not only because Dorothy's taste was impeccable but also because she gave us, her customers, the unparalleled experience of feeling as if we were shopping with a knowledgeable and reassuring friend. I have been shopping with Dorothy for 10 years and would always find the perfect blouse for my suits, a special scarf for a holiday or a gift for my daughter-in-law. (Wrapped, by Dorothy, of course.)

Time spent in the store always was sprinkled with local news and general discussion of political and national events. During the stressful time debating gun violence in this country, we would get a call from Dorothy with encouraging words to keep up the good fight. How grateful I am for her kindness and thoughtfulness.

Dorothy Walsh is a member of the Northport family. She has lived there for more than 30 years and was recently acknowledged by the Northport Historical Society and Museum for years of commitment. She has always supported the community and never said "no".